

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Senators Brunstetter, Hunt, Stevens

Representatives Barnhart, Brubaker, Gillespie, Johnson

FROM:

Jennifer Hoffmann Assistant State Budget Officer for Infrastructure

SUBJECT: New Veterans Affairs Capital Improvement Project

Pursuant to Section 6.5.(d)(4) of Session Law 2011-145, the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) must consult with the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee of the Senate prior to the approval of a new capital improvement project not specifically authorized by the General Assembly. OSBM has reviewed and is recommending for approval the following capital project for renovations at the Fayetteville Veterans Affairs (VA) Nursing Home to be paid from federal funds deposited in the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust Fund.

Fayetteville Veterans Nursing Home Renovations:

The Fayetteville VA Nursing Home serves NC veterans with skilled nursing services ranging from short term rehabilitation stays and long term care. The home has been in operation for approximately 20 years. While maintenance and upkeep has kept the home in good condition, many interior finishes have reached the end of their useful and expected life. Much of the floor tile, carpet and wall finishes are severely worn.

This project will effectively renovate the interior of the nursing home finishes. It does not remodel the home but concentrates on replacing worn out finishes and systems.

Replacement finishes will include new resilient floor tile, carpet, paint and wallpaper, window coverings, minor light improvements, wall and door protection (such as edge guards, wall rail wainscoting, crash guards, etc.). Items ancillary to the main work (such as baseboards) are included.

The nursing call system will be upgraded. The existing call system for residents to alert nursing staff is old and maintenance intensive. The call system will be upgraded to a newer interactive messaging system that will improve response time and resident care.

There will also be lighting and electrical work necessary to support the overall renovation. The total renovation cost to be paid from the NC Veterans Home Trust Fund is anticipated to be \$2,288,000 (see attached OC-25). The estimated time frame, once the agency receives issuance of the Notice to Proceed the project, is 201 calendar days.

This renovation is not anticipated to cause an increase in the budgeted maintenance and operating costs of the VA Home.

If you have questions, you may contact OSBM Budget Analyst Kristen Crosson by dialing (919) 807-4738 or emailing to <u>kristen.crosson@osbm.nc.gov</u>.

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